

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
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**FY 2015 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking**

The Sheriff, who has a strong background in combatting human trafficking, is in the process of applying for FY 2015 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking grant in partnership with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) to establish a Los Angeles County Human Trafficking Task Force.

The Sheriff's Department is not required to seek Board approval to apply for this grant because the turn-around time is less than 13 weeks long (release of grant was March 11 and deadline is May 11) which is consistent with the Board's delegated authority to the Sheriff. However, a five-signature letter of support may strengthen the Department's chances of being awarded the grant.

The grant, offered by the U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance, requires two separate but coordinated applications by a law enforcement agency and a victim service provider for the purpose of establishing a human trafficking task force or for enhancement of an established human trafficking task force. The law enforcement agency and the victim service provider may each receive between \$600,000 and \$900,000 for a combined maximum total not to exceed \$1.5 million. The grant also requires a 25 percent match which may be either cash or in-kind services.

If awarded the grant, the Sheriff is committed to doing the following:

- Co-chair the Los Angeles County Human Trafficking Task Force (LACHTTF) and lead the sub-committees with member groups at bi-monthly and quarterly meetings;
- Assist with the identification of victims;

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- Refer and place victims of trafficking with CAST to receive appropriate comprehensive services;
- Pledge that victims will be placed in linguistically and culturally appropriate programs;
- Provide language interpretation and translation assistance where appropriate;
- Provide technical assistance and training;
- Provide 24 hour and weekend emergency response;
- Work in collaboration on 24 hour hotlines to ensure potential victims can receive crisis intervention, information and referrals;
- Provide strong leadership, and dedicated administrative support/resources;
- Collect data for future research on best practices; and
- Improve the sharing and tracking of clients and assessed cases.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter of support for the Sheriff's participation in the FY 2015 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking grant for purposes of establishing a Los Angeles County Human Trafficking Task Force.

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